

Sinclair Broadcasting is attempting to influence an American election by directing the large number of stations it owns to broadcast a movie that is biased against one of the candidates.

The FCC can and must act to ensure fairness and to protect the public interest in the future by:

1. Ensuring that equal time is given to each party. If the controversial movie is shown, then a movie of Democrat's choice should be shown as well.

2. Acting to prevent media consolidation and control by one owner in geographic areas or control by one owner of large numbers of specific media (ex: TV, newspaper, radio, etc.). A free press and the public right to information is threatened when there is not diversity of ownership and views within media and when there is no alternative within market areas.

3. Acting to prevent media owners from taking specific influential actions within a specific period of time before an election; for example within 60 or 90 days.